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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace paragraph [0049] with the following amended paragraph:

[0049]

Template 34 comprises a low profile base plate 44 having a top surface 46 and an opposing bottom surface 48 which each extend between a first end 50 and an opposing second end 52. Although not required, in one embodiment bottom surface 48 has a configuration generally complementary to medial facet 24 of the superior auricular surface of tibia 12. Base plate 44 typically has a maximum thickness extending between surfaces 46 and 48 in a range between about 1 mm to about 4 mm. Projecting from second end 52 of base plate 44 is a stem 54. Stem 54 is configured to be slidably received within socket 42 of guide brace 32. A projection 56 downwardly extends from bottom surface 48 of base plate 44 at first end 50. As depicted, projection 56 has the configuration of a narrow finger. In other embodiments, projection 56 can comprise an elongated ridge or other configurations.

[0087]

Please replace paragraph [0087] with the following amended paragraph:

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A pocket 316 is ~~recess~~ recessed on bottom surface 308. Pocket 316 is bounded by a floor 317 and a sidewall 318 upstanding around the perimeter thereof. Stem 304 projects from bottom surface 308 and terminates at a distal terminus 310. Recessed within distal terminus is a threaded socket 312. Bearing plate 302 and stem 304 are typically comprised of a metal such as chromium, cobalt, titanium, or the like and alloys thereof but can also be made of ceramics or plastics. Bearing plate 302 and/or stem 304 can also be comprised of layers or sections of different materials. In one embodiment, bearing plate 302 has a maximum thickness typically in a range between about 2 mm to about 10 mm. Other dimensions can also be used depending on the amount that the tibial condyle is resected or worn away.